Rise in crude production by ONGC

†4273. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main function of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation is to produce crude oil in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been a considerable rise in the production of crude oil in the country by the said corporation during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the quantum of crude oil produced by the said corporation during the years 2000-01 and 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The main function of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) is to explore from hydrocarbons and produce oil and gas within and outside the country for energy security of the country.

(b) Inspite of the fact that the major fields of ONGC have now matured, and are in a stage of natural decline, estimated at 6-8% per year, ONGC have reversed the trend in declining oil production from a low of 24.6 million metric tonne (MMT) in 1999-2000, over 26 MMT during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05.

(c) The prodcution of crude oil by ONGC during 2000-01 and 2004-05 was 25.057 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) and 26.487 MMT (prov.) respectively.

Sale of crude to oil refineries

†4274. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crude oil produced in the country during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 has been sold by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Indian Oil Corporation to oil refineries;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.